

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7, 10 through 12 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 4,503,863 issued on March 12, 1985 to Katims ("Katims"). Additionally, Claims 4, 8 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katims. Finally, claims 9, 14 through 18 and 20 are indicated as being allowable subject to being rewritten to incorporate all of the limitations of their respective base and intervening claims.

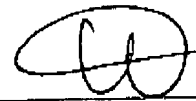
Although Applicant generally traverses the foregoing rejections, Applicant has nonetheless rewritten each of the objected to claims as suggested by the Examiner and amended the remaining pending claims to depend from the allowable claims. Additionally, new claims 21 through 47, each of which depends from an allowable claim, have been added to more fully define the invention. No new matter has been added; entry and allowance of each new claim is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of all the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims and passage to issue of this present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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This petition is accompanied by a proposed reply, in fulfillment of the requirement of 37 CFR §1.137(b)(1). Applicant is a small entity. The Commissioner has been authorized to charge the petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.137(b)(2) and set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(m) to Deposit Account No. 50-0489. The entire delay in prosecution, from the due date for the reply to the filing of this petition and proposed reply, was unintentional. See 37 CFR §1.137(b)(3).

In light of all the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests revival of the unintentionally abandoned above-captioned application in order that its prosecution may be continued.

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